

NEW REGISTRATION PLAN PROPOSED

New Senate Election Bill Would Eliminate Custom of Voting 'Er Straight.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 25.—"Voting 'er straight" will be a thing of the past for most voters if the legislature looks with favor on senate bills Nos. 5 and 179, relating to primary and general elections respectively, prepared by Senator Taylor, and reported out to the senate with the recommendation that they pass.

Provision is made for what is known as the ribbon ballot. If this bill is enacted, all names will appear in columns upon the ballot, but there will be no device at the head of the columns and the party names will be eliminated from the ballot. It requires that the names of all candidates for a particular office be grouped together, with a heavy distinguishing line between the several groups and in addition a space of at least one-half inch. A square is provided before each name and electors are required to vote by stamping in the square. In other words they must vote for the candidates of their choice.

The candidates of a party will not be printed in a column to themselves, but for the sake of convenience, when the names of all candidates for the several offices have been grouped, the printer may, if desired, break up the one column into as many as may be necessary. The stub will be provided as in the old law, and will form the only poll list of the election. The stubs will be filed in the office of the county clerk and kept there until the next general election.

Another notable change is the matter of registration, which is made universal throughout the state. This registration will be made in September, 1910, by the election inspectors of the several precincts. He will simply list the names of electors in his precincts, giving their age and whether they are white or black. He will issue no certificate or registration receipts and electors will be relieved of the necessity of keeping track of their registration certificates. The inspector is required to have his list at the polls on election day and voters will be checked off from it.

A method is provided for transfers from precincts and for a supplemental registration day at which electors who acquire the right to vote after the original registration can be listed. Each election year after 1910 the registration officer is required to open his list for the registration of all who are not thereon and who are entitled to registration.

A complete system of filing vacancies is provided by the bill, which feature was omitted from the original law. The secretary of the election board is placed on a stated salary of \$2,000 per year and required to keep an office in Guthrie. The state board will be appointed by the governor, county board by the state board and precinct boards by the county board. Senator Taylor watched the operation of the old bill during the last election and carefully noted the many irregularities in it and its several shortcomings. He thinks he has covered all of these with minor amendments.

ANTIS FAVOR LOCAL OPTION AND NO "TREATING"

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 25.—A referendum constitution amendment to make prohibition in Oklahoma enforceable by local option, the counties, cities, towns, wards or townships to decide whether liquor will be sold within the borders was proposed in the state senate today. Minimum thousand dollar license is proposed. The measure provides that no liquor will be allowed to be sold in a building of more than one room, with back door or below or above ground, by either woman or man under forty years. "Treating" is made a fine of not more than \$100. The amendment is intended for submission to the people at the general election in 1910.

BRANCH PENITENTIARY TO BE LOCATED AT GRANITE.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 25.—The house yesterday passed finally the bill locating a branch of the state penitentiary at Granite, with an appropriation of \$50,000, and an allowance of \$2,500 with which to purchase a site.

EDNA WILSON SWARE FALSELY FOR HER LOVER

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 25.—Edna Wilson, who, with Ernel Gray, was charged with swearing falsely in the murder trial of John Cleloha and Fonso Smith, pleaded guilty to perjury today. The Gray girl was convicted Monday. The Wilson girl was the sweetheart of Fonso Smith, one of the young men convicted of the murder of David Conway last June.

STATE PIPE LINE IS PROPOSED

Okmulgee Starts a Movement Designed to Aid The Oil Situation.

Okmulgee, Okla., Feb. 25.—A movement is on foot in this city to create a sentiment in favor of the state building a pipe line from the oil fields of eastern Oklahoma, to some Gulf coast point. The supporters of the proposition claiming that it is the solution of the pipe line situation and will greatly increase the sales and development in the new state. It is claimed that the state could build an eight-inch pipe line for \$4,000,000 and expend about an additional \$3,000,000 for tankage and lateral lines, although this amount possibly might be increased to some extent and allow of a larger amount of storage both at this end of the line and at the other end. This would enable the producer to turn the oil into the pipe line, pay storage on it, if he did not care to sell it at the time and with the certificates he would have collateral that could be used at the banks and oil would be bought and sold just the same as wheat, oats, corn and cotton and would attract to the oil business speculative money just as it is attracted to the handling of cereals on the various cotton exchanges and boards of trade throughout the United States. This, they say, would not be drastic legislation nor would it be an aim at confiscation of any of the properties of the present pipe lines already built and now operating.

Parties from here have been to Guthrie and discussed the pipe line by the state, with legislators and many of them are favorable to formulating some plan whereby the state can build just such a line.

The argument that the state could not extend beyond its limit and that the supreme court of the United States would hold adversely to its doing so, is met by calling attention to what Cincinnati did in the construction of what is now the Queen & Crescent route from Cincinnati to New Orleans.

The state of Oklahoma at the present time is capable of producing at least 50 million barrels of oil per year and the building of this line, it is claimed would undoubtedly raise the value of oil close to \$1.00 per barrel as it would open the markets of the world to Oklahoma products, and figuring a reasonable charge for transporting the oil to the Gulf and ocean freights added, the oil at \$1.00 per barrel in this field could then be sold cheaper in European markets than any other oil produced anywhere in the world.

ARDMORE TO VOTE ON NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Ardmore, Okla., Feb. 25.—A committee of forty men elected from the different wards of the city to choose a non-partisan ticket to be voted on at the election on the proposition of a commission form of government, March 23, has selected the following ticket: Mayor, W. I. Crace; commissioners, First Ward, Will Green; Second C. E. Fraley; Third, W. P. Poland; Fourth, J. M. London.

THIRTY SUFFRAGISTS GET ONE MONTH EACH IN JAIL

By Associated Press.
London, Feb. 25.—Thirty suffragists arrested yesterday, refused today to give security for their future good behavior, and each was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. Many of the women are of high social position, including Lady Constance Lytton, Miss Stratford Dugdale, Mrs. Pithie Lawrence and Miss Daisy Solomon.

TEN MEN CONTROL HUGE COMBINE

Small Group Practically Controls The Manufactured Output of World's Tobacco Supply.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, today made public subdivisions II and III of part I of his report on the tobacco industry. They deal with the present organization of the tobacco combination, so-called, its degree of control in that industry, and the development of that control.

These divisions of the report, resulting from a thorough investigation into the business operations of the tobacco combination, contain an elaborate discussion of the methods by which the manufacture of tobacco, except cigars, has come under the control of a comparatively few capitalists. Commissioner Smith says:

"In the tobacco combination are The American Tobacco company and its three great subsidiary combinations, The American Snuff company, The American Cigar company, and the British-American company, besides 82 other subsidiary concerns doing business in the United States, Porto Rico and Cuba. The combination represents a total net capitalization of over \$316,000,000. A very small group of ten stock holders controls 60 per cent of the outstanding voting stock of The American Tobacco company, through which company the entire combination is controlled."

A list of the subsidiary companies controlled, "including over twenty hitherto secretly controlled, so-called 'bogus independent concerns'" is given in the report. It is shown also that the combination is practically the only important exporter of tobacco manufacturers from this country. Astonishing figures are given in respect to the development of the combination. In 1891 it controlled 89 per cent of the business of cigarette manufacture, and this proportion practically is maintained today. In cigars its output increased from 4 per cent of the business in 1897 to 14.7-19 per cent in 1906; while in manufactured tobacco (chewing, smoking, fine cut and snuff) "the combination's output increased from 7 per cent of the total in 1891 to 75 per cent in 1906. Finally in 1896, the combination controlled of these separate products, respectively 82 per cent, smoking 71 per cent, fine cut 81 per cent, and snuff 96 per cent." In the year 1908 the combination used in the manufacture of its various products nearly 300,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco.

"An idea of the absorption of competing plants," says Commissioner Smith, "and of the changes through combination within the last decade, may be had from the fact that in 1897 the combination had ten plants, each producing over 50,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco or snuff per year, while there were 243 independent plants of the same class. In 1906, on the other hand, the combination had 45 plants of this class and independent manufacturers 140. Especially conspicuous has been the absorption of the large plants. In 1897 the combination had eight plants, each producing over 1,000,000 pounds of these products per year, while its competitors had 46 such plants. In 1906 the combination had 34 plants of this size, and independent concerns only 17."

"Despite the combination's enormous expenditures for advertising and in 'schemes' and despite frequent price cutting by means of its so-called 'fighting brands,' there has been, in several branches of the industry, a constant tendency for competitors to gain business more rapidly than the combination and thus to reduce its proportion of the output. This tendency has been overcome only by continued buying up of competitive concerns. Many weaker concerns have been virtually driven out of business or forced to sell out to the combination, either by reason of the direct competition of the latter, or as an indirect result of the vigorous competition between the combination and larger independent concerns. In the case of the larger and more powerful concerns which it acquired, however, the combination has usually secured control only by paying a high price. The immense profits of the combination have enabled it to keep up this policy."

J. WARREN REID TALKED TOO MUCH IN COURT

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 25.—J. Warren Reid, the reputed author of "Hell on the Border," who was committed to jail Tuesday afternoon by order of Judge King for appearing in court in a state of intoxication and using obscene language in the argument he attempted to make in behalf of his client in the case of Thomas Nave, who was convicted of the murder of Proctor Vann at Fort Gibson last December and given a life sentence in the penitentiary appeared before Judge King yesterday morning to answer to the charge of contempt of court. He was accompanied by his wife after being brought from jail, where he reposed with other offenders in a cell during the night and appeared to be sobered up. Col. W. M. Cravens and Perceval Adams appeared for Reid and secured a continuance of his case until the afternoon.

KATE BARNARD'S APPEAL HEADED

Wholesome Anti-Child Labor Legislation Was Inspired by The Commissioner of Charities.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 25.—Oklahoma's anti-child labor bill, a comprehensive document and said to be the best enacted in the country, is now ready for the approval of Governor Haskell. The bill passed the house Tuesday morning without amendments. Conspicuous in the campaign of education necessary to secure the adoption of such legislation, was Miss Kate Barnard, state commissioner of charities. Ever since she entered public life, and especially since statehood, has the little woman appealed to the people to protect the children from employment that is disastrous to life and demoralizing all society.

Although ill for several weeks, Miss Barnard left a sanitarium to come back to Guthrie. Her reward is the enactment of a bill that is highly pleasing to all concerned in this step toward humanity's betterment.

TAFT DEVOTES DAY TO MAGAZINE ARTICLES

By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 25.—President Eliot Taft has planned to devote today in completing several magazine articles at the home of his brother, H. W. Taft. He has refused a number of requests for an audience.

FOR BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY.

The high school play to be given at the Auditorium tomorrow night is one worthy of the support of all interested in the training of the children of Vinita. It will not only help the public school, by being a means of raising funds for the library, but will also help the town. All who can do so should attend and help a good cause.

TULSA IS TO BE A CLOSED TOWN, SAY NEW OFFICIALS

Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 25.—Mayor John O. Mitchell, who took his seat last night with the inauguration of the commission form of government, in his inaugural address, and in a published statement today said that hereafter Tulsa will be a closed town. Gambling houses are closing and the gamblers and jointists are leaving town. A metropolitan police force will be organized.

ADMITS HE KILLED EXPRESS CLERK

Orville Foland Confesses to Shooting Friend With Whom He Slept.

By Associated Press.
Hutchinson, Kans., Feb. 25.—Orville Foland, aged nineteen years, arrested yesterday charged with the murder of Jesse Haymaker, the express clerk found in the office at the depot here yesterday morning, confessed today that he is guilty.

Foland said he went to the express office Tuesday night and told Haymaker, who was an intimate friend, he desired to sleep in the office for the night, as his mother was not at home. Haymaker gladly gave his consent.

"I may have been crazy that I did it," declared Foland. "We both of us went to sleep. Later I awoke and Jesse was dead and I had a pistol in my hand. Then I went to the uptown office and robbed the cash drawer, I got seven dollars and a quarter, but I don't know what I did with it."

DR. F. W. SELB SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

By Associated Press.
Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 25.—Dr. F. W. Selb of Osceola, a prominent physician and surgeon and president of the Osceola hospital was sentenced today to serve twenty-five years in the penitentiary on the charge of committing an assault upon a hospital patient.

THE OHIO RIVER IS ON A RAMPAGE

High Waters Doing Much Damage in Indiana, Tennessee and Mississippi.

By Associated Press.
Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 25.—The Mississippi is rising steadily and the fraction of the danger line, twenty-tenths here Sunday, which would inundate the lower lands.

The Ohio river mounted steadily all night and this morning was in a fraction of the danger line, twenty-eight feet, and a stage of thirty feet is expected before the rise halts. The lower floors of fifty homes in the west end are inundated, while twice as many are flooded in the eastern end.

By Associated Press.
Cincinnati, O., Feb. 25.—The state of the river here was fifty-two and a half feet this morning and is still rising. The water is expected to reach fifty-five feet by tonight.

By Associated Press.
Cincinnati, O., Feb. 25.—With a forty foot stage at noon today and a promise of fifty feet before night, the river conditions in this section today are very serious. If the present conditions continue it means a fifty-five foot stage for tomorrow, which will drive railroads from the Grand Central station and compel the abandonment of all business along the lower front of the city.

By Associated Press.
Louisville, Ky., Feb. 25.—The flood of rain which has raged during the past twenty-four hours over nearly all of Kentucky and portions of Indiana, has done thousands of dollars worth of damage in Louisville. Every river and creek through the deluged territory is bank full and many have already over flowed. The lower Ohio is rising rapidly at all points and a big flood is expected.

Royal Neighbors Grateful.

The Royal Neighbors wish to thank their many friends, and especially the Chieftain, for their kind assistance in making the organization's Washington day carnival a success. The net proceeds were \$30.

A Big Special Purchase of Suit Cases GOES ON SALE TODAY

Suit Cases of every kind and description at \$1.50 to \$15.00 each—all priced at from ONE-FIFTH TO ONE-THIRD UNDER VALUE. Our Buyer "picked them up" in New York at a SPOT CASH PRICE and they reached here today

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